

VALUE ENGINEERING CHANGE PROPOSAL  
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date 04/27/09

Contract ID 081121-403

Job No. J4P1138B

County JOHNSON Route 13

Original Bid Cost \$15,552,776.86

Contractor IDEKER, INC

By DAN TARR

Designed By \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

VECP # 09-34

VECP ☐ or VECPP/PDU ☐

1. Description of existing requirements and proposed change(s). Advantages/Disadvantages

Contractor is to install wick drains and then place a 2' sand drainage blanket to form a horizontal drainage layer. We propose to use prefabricated strip drains in lieu of the sand blanket. Advantages of strip drains are that they are faster to install allowing consolidation to start sooner and the wick drains provide better drainage. According to manufacturer's literature strip drains provide over ten times the flow capacity of a 36" sand blanket. The sand blanket will be contaminated over time while the strip drain is protected by a geotextile fabric.

2. Estimate of reduction in construction costs. \$481,895.47

3. Prediction of any effects the proposed change(s) will have on other department costs, such as maintenance and operations

NONE

4. Anticipated date for submittal of detailed change(s) of items required by Section 104.6 of the Specifications.

04/28/09

(date)

5. Deadline for issuing a change order to obtain maximum cost reduction, noting the effect of contract completion time or delivery schedule.

NONE

(date)

(effect)

6. Dates of any previous or concurrent submission of the same proposal.

None

(date and/or dates)

Additional Comments:

**\*\* Portion Below This Line To Be Filled Out by MoDOT \*\***

Comments:

The plans call for the installation of Wick Drains and a two foot sand blanket to be installed at the following locations: Station 680+00 to Station 682+18, and from Station 689+50 to Station 695+00 to accelerate the process of the fill settlement. Ideker has presented MoDOT with the proposal of using Strip Drains in conjunction with the Wick Drains to provide the same results. This falls under the Practical Design Value Engineering criteria. Ideker, Inc. has requested payment for the discovery. I recommend the 75% owner /25% contractor Practical Design Value Engineering.

Jon M Voss  
Submitted By Resident Engineer

4/28/09  
Date

Comments:

WE CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RE  
BUT BELIEVE, DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE VE, THE  
CONTRACTOR MAY BE ENTITLED TO A 50/50 DISTRIBUTION  
OF THE SAVINGS.

☒ Approval  
Recommended

☐ Rejection  
Recommended

Elizabeth A. Voss  
District Engineer

5/12/09  
Date

Comments:

THIS PROPOSAL IS A 50/50 V E. APPROVED  
PER DISTRICT RECOMMENDATION

☒ Approval

☐ Rejection

David D. Gorman  
State Construction and Materials Engineer

5-22-09  
Date


Distribution: Resident Engineer, Project Manager, District Operations Engineer, State Construction and Materials Engineer  
\*Value Engineering Administrator - \*MoDOT, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Strip Drain Value Engineering Proposal**

Item Number	Description	Bid Quantity	Revised unit Quantity	Unit Price	Contract Change
<b>Job Number 1138B</b>					
100	Compacting Embankment	290,725 CY	314,325	\$0.35	\$8,260.00
260	Sand Blanket	23,600 cy	0	21.39	(504,804.00)
290	Wick Drains	48,591 LF	54,083	0.68	3,734.56
790	Subsurface Drainage Geotextile	3,159 SY	0	2.32	(7,328.88)
new	Strip Drains	0 LF	9,861	1.85	18,242.85
<b>Total for Job 1138B</b>					<b>(481,895.47)</b>

<b>Job Number 1138C</b>					
2640	Compacting Embankment	552,333 CY	569,493	0.46	7,893.60
2820	Sand Blanket	17,160 cy	0	21.55	(369,798.00)
2850	Wick Drains	39,521 LF	44,249	0.62	2,931.36
3210	Subsurface Drainage Geotextile	3,725 SY	0	2.31	(8,604.75)
new	Strip Drains	0 LF	8,021	1.85	14,838.85
<b>Total for Job 1138C</b>					<b>(\$352,738.94)</b>
<b>Combined Total Change</b>					<b>(\$834,634.41)</b>

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We're thinking the same on this.....I was thinking about applying 1.25 SF which would bump it up to a minimal sustained load of 4688 psf?

The other thought I have..... are we comfortable that we can achieve an acceptable or comparable rate of settlement with the Ameri-drain versus the sand blanket? I think Mike may have hit on this or inferred this a little bit with the Hydraulic Capacity of the strip drain? I am assuming it will be OK? By contract, Structure No. A-7684 and A7477 requires the contractor to hold off or delay the approach slab and pavement construction for 5 months or until the settlement is complete? Structure No. A7475 has same type of delay, but it's 2 month's. Not 100% sure.....and I might be wrong, but I think these are structures associated with the Wick Drains. Once the 2 month and 5 month time period has passed, I'm assuming the contractor will want to start the approach slab and pavement construction regardless if we use the strip drain or the sand blanket.

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probably a little higher, height of fill, plus equipment running around on top of fill.

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I guessing the Ameri-drain would need to be able to tolerate or sustain a minimal unit load.....say of 3,750 psf? or would we want something a little higher with a an appropriate factor of safety? Just pulling this off the top of my head?

We could require some type of manufactures certification if you think it would be needed?

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We are thinking

1. Clear and grub the site
2. Install the pore pressure devices
3. Install a couple of feet of fill as a work platform
4. Install some additional fill in the middle to crown the fill 2' to provide drainage in all directions
5. Install the wick drains
6. Install the Ameri-drain perpendicular to C/L across the tops of the wick drains, daylighting at the

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We had a couple of concerns;

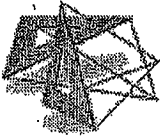
The contractor needs to verify the Ameri-drain will not crush under 30' of fill  
How do you connect the wick drains to the Ameri-drains.

I guess staples or maybe cut a slit in the Ameri-drain and insert the wick drain. Or maybe cut a slit all the way through the Ameri-drain, pull the wick drain thru, flop it over and duck tape it.

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Mike,

Please take a hard look at this for us. I'm sure you guys will get hit up with the formal review of the contractors VE proposal before any kind of acceptance. If accepted, we most likely would like to have some type acceptable performance measures and language addressed in the Change Order.

Thanks a bunch!

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Bruce,

We can probably come up with something. I'm thinking 2' of sand is probably overkill for the drainage capacity, but Tom has some good points too. We'll also need to make sure the proposed drain has whatever capacity we need under the planned amount of fill.

We'll kick it around here tomorrow and give you our thoughts.

Thanks,  
Mike

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Do we need to estimate the sand drain capacity as the project office has requested?

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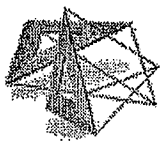


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## TYPE OF WORK

(Check one that applies)

- ☐ Bridge/Structure/Footings
- ☐ Drainage Structures (RCP, RCB, CMP's, ect.)
- ☐ TCP/MOT
- ☐ Paving (PCCP, ect.)
- ☒ Grading/MSE Walls
- ☐ Signal/Lighting/ITS
- ☐ Misc. \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

(If needed, condense summary to a couple of lines)

\_\_\_\_\_ Use wick drains in lieu of planned 2' sand drainage blanket.

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